

**EMS Permission Form  
"Bring Your Own Technology"**

In accordance with the Effingham County Board of Education's new position on personal technology devices in the classroom, i.e. SmartPhones, iPads, eReaders, etc., your child may be allowed to utilize his or her personal devices as a part of academic activities *under the direct supervision of a classroom teacher.*

**Students are not required or expected in any way to purchase these devices for use at school.** This form is intended for those who currently own or have family access to such devices.

Codes of Conduct Regarding Technology Usage of All Student Devices

- ✓ At no time should any student use any personal technology apparatus without specific instructions/directions from a classroom teacher to do so. For example, eReaders should only be utilized when teachers have given directions for students to participate in sustained silent reading.
- ✓ At no time will it be acceptable for students to access inappropriate websites and/or inappropriate material or music.
- ✓ Students are not permitted to e-mail, text or communicate in any way with other students or those outside the school building while they are on school property (building or bus).
- ✓ Every effort will be made to closely monitor student activity while on the Internet, but he/she is expected to remain on-task when/if the classroom teacher is assisting other students.
- ✓ Students may not use technology devices at lunch, in the bathrooms or at Eagle's Nest.
- ✓ Devices must remain in silent mode while they are being used instructionally unless directed by a teacher to allow sound.
- ✓ Devices may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests.
- ✓ Devices should never be used for making personal phone calls or texts during the school day.
- ✓ Devices may not be used at any time to record, transmit or post photographic images or videos of a person or persons on campus or at a school activity during school hours or on school transportation.
- ✓ Devices may only be used to access files on the computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum.
- ✓ The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts should not be made to bypass them.
- ✓ Bringing on premises or infecting the network with any type of virus or program designed to damage, alter, destroy or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of policy.
- ✓ Processing or accessing information on school property related to "hacking," altering or bypassing network security policies is in violation of policy.
- ✓ The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems, is in violation of a policy listed above or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- ✓ Neither EMS nor the classroom teacher assumes any responsibility for lost or stolen property. (Reference the Effingham BOE JCD Student Code of Conduct, Rule 20)

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If your child is permitted to bring and use his or her personal device for use in the classroom,  
please sign and return this form to their homeroom teacher.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) has my permission to bring and use their technological devices to school under the supervision of his/her teachers and we have reviewed the above guidelines for bringing/using any devices to school.

*By signing below I acknowledge that I understand that failure to follow all above listed codes of conduct and all expectations listed above could result in loss of privileges for my child an/or seizure of property until picked up by a parent/guardian.*

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_